



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION



September 7, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A GRANT  
FROM THE AQUATIC FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES (AFMLA)  
FOR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING  
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3-Vote Matter)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize acceptance of a grant from the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles for the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Second District Swim Program.
2. Authorize the Interim Director to execute a grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$152,335 with the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of these actions will authorize the Department to accept a grant from the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA) and execute a grant agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$152,335 for the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Second District Swim Program. The AFMLA is a non-profit organization with the mission to build public awareness of the physical and mental benefits of swimming and to establish and promote year-round aquatic programs for all ages in the Second District.

This agreement will continue the expansion of the Department's existing swim programs at Victoria Regional County Park to include the off-season months of September 2004 through June 2005 and at Ted Watkins Community Regional County Park for approximately two and one-half months during the fall of 2004. A similar program was offered in Fiscal Year 2003-04 through a grant from AFMLA.

As part of the program, the Department will provide teaching and lifeguard staffing and expand the availability of swim facilities for area youths and senior citizens. The AFMLA grant funding will provide for the direct costs associated with the competitive swim, water polo, and synchronized swimming components of this program, including aquatic rental activities such as aquatic aerobics, lap swimming, and swimming lessons previously operated by AFMLA. The AFMLA will reimburse the Department for half of its utility costs at Victoria Regional County Park and Ted Watkins Community Regional Park swimming pools. In addition, the AFMLA will reimburse the Department for the cost of pool chemicals (chlorine, liquid and powdered, and acid) at both pool facilities.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The authorization to accept this grant enhances Fiscal Responsibility (Goal Number 4 of the County's Strategic Plan) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships and Community Services, (Goal Number 5) by improving children and families' well-being, and (Goal Number 6) by improving the quality of life for residents of Los Angeles County unincorporated communities within the Second District. In addition, the funding requested from the AFMLA Grant Program will provide the Department with fiscal resources necessary to enhance and improve the swim programs at Victoria and Ted Watkins Community Regional Parks.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The AFMLA funding provided through this grant program will be used to offset costs for program staff and swimming pool operations. The AFMLA will reimburse the Department for half of all utility costs at Victoria Regional County Park and Ted Watkins Community Regional Park swimming facilities during the extended swim program. The appropriation and revenue to provide these programs was included in the Department's 2004-05 Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Department of Parks and Recreation will be required to operate the aquatic programs in accordance with the standard terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

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### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS**

The Grant Agreement will allow the Department to continue existing community swim programs and allow Second District youth increased access to aquatic instruction, and recreational aquatic activities, and also teach children water safety skills that reduce drowning, while providing for greater utilization of existing facilities.

The availability of these aquatic programs greatly enhances the Department's current competitive swim program, and generates greater participant interest in the competitive aquatic sport of water polo and synchronized swimming for those children who may not have available resources to participate in these events.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is requested that two (2) confirmed copies of this letter be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", followed by the word "for" and a period.

Russ Guiney  
Interim Director

Attachments (8)

c: Chief Administrative Office  
Executive Office Board of Supervisors